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A Painting for a Family Dinner

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- For the ongoing project *A Painting for a Family Dinner* Alina and Jeff Bliumis were invited to dinner by 62 families to date - in return they received a painting
- The project embodies artistic practice as a form of civic engagement and social intervention. The project's main objective is to enable cultural and social transformation by integrating art as a reflective practice, an exchange, and a communicative experience within the everyday setting of family life
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We associate food and drink with rituals, rules and traditions – they create community, but they can also be exclusive. How, where and with whom we eat says a lot about social structures.

For the ongoing project *A Painting for a Family Dinner* by Alina and Jeff Bliumis, the artist couple were invited to dinner by 62 families to date – in return they received a painting. A group photograph was taken afterwards. The resulting 'family portraits' tell a story of hospitality, exchange and artistic interaction, and invite us to take a fresh look at eating as a unifying practice.

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